

For Immediate Release March 4, 2020 Contact: Eddie Treviño, Jr. County Judge

UPDATES ON CORONAVIRUS DISEASE COVID-19

In light of the concerns of the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19), the Cameron County Commissioners' Court would like to reassure the community that plans and preventive measures are being implemented to best protect the community.

"We understand that there are concerns of Coronavirus, but we currently do not have any confirmed cases in Cameron County" stated County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr. "Even so, our public health and emergency management departments are in constant communication with local hospitals, medical providers, state and federal authorities as they continue to monitor the situation."

As with any virus, the public is encouraged to practice good hygiene practices for everyday prevention measures. This includes frequent handwashing, covering when coughing or sneezing and avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands. If an individual is sick, it is recommended that they consult with their physician and limit public outings. While businesses continue to conduct "business as usual", it is also recommended that online services be used when available.

Cameron County Public Health Department will continue to monitor COVID-19 and work closely with federal, state, local, and other health systems to take proactive measures to mitigate an impact in our County.

As of earlier today in the United States, there are 80 total cases, 9 deaths, and 13 states that are reporting cases to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This data does not include testing results of persons who came back to the United States from Wuhan, China and Japan. States are now readily testing and publicly reporting cases and the CDC has informed that state counts will be the most up to date information.

For additional information, please contact our hotline at (956) 247-3650, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or refer to our available website at http://www.cameroncounty.us/publichealth/index.php/coronavirus/. Additionally, it is encouraged to visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at https://www.cdc.gov/ for daily updates.

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